

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO APRIL 24, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2001. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Submitted simultaneously herewith is a request for a one-month extension of time and Check No. 74539 in the amount of \$1,126.00, for the one-month extension of time and the additional claims added to the specification. With this one-month extension of time, this response is timely filed if filed on or before August 24, 2001 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.8. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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